

River City Briefs

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Independence, Oregon: A Year in Review | 2022



2022 was an exciting year for Independence. Full of infrastructure improvements, safe streets, concerts and programs in the park, and even a new trolley, this year brought back many of the things our community has come to know while also adding new ones to love. But there's much more to be done. We look forward to serving you, and the greater Willamette Valley, in 2023.

Independence, our best days are ahead.

[Watch Video Here](#)

Express Your Love Through the Walk of Hearts



Express your sentiment in 22 characters on a bright red heart hung on lamp posts throughout downtown Independence. Your creative expression will help support the Independence Downtown Association's efforts to maintain a welcoming and vibrant downtown.

The application and payment form is coming soon!
The cost of a message is \$30 per side. The deadline to submit orders is Friday, January 28th. Hearts will be hung by Valentine's Day and will be displayed for one month.

If you have participated in the Walk of Hearts in the past and want to use the same message, you can select the "Existing Heart" option to renew your heart (only available for messages from last year). If you are not sure what your heart said, please email downtownindependence@gmail.com to receive your heart information.

Want to Improve Your Organization's Social Media?

MARKETING MONDAYS

GROWING YOUR MARKETING SKILLS ONE MONDAY AT A TIME

Looking to improve your organization's social media marketing skills?

Join the cities of Independence and Monmouth for the first FREE Marketing Mondays class on Monday, January 23, 2023, from 10 AM-12:30 PM at Indy Commons in Independence, Oregon. Annie and Chantelle of Hey Lively Co.

will lead this class and share how to leverage social media, manage content, and maximize your reach. Attendees will also have time for hands-on learning, and we encourage everyone to bring a device to access their social media accounts.

To register for this new FREE program, click the button below.

[Register Here](#)

Read the Independence Popular Financial Report 2022

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Popular Annual Financial Report

Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2022

The Mayor and City Council are pleased to present the 2022 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) to the residents of Independence. This report is a shorter version of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which includes the auditor's report that is required by the State of Oregon. The PAFR is designed to offer a snapshot of important financial information and is easy to understand for those who are not experts in government finance. We believe this report helps provide transparency, and accountability and is paramount to responsible government.

To read the full document, click the button below.

[Read Full Report Here](#)

**Museum Manager Appointed to Oregon Museum's
Association Board of Directors**



Our very own Independence Heritage Museum Manager Natascha Adams has been selected to serve as a board of director for the Oregon Museum's Association.

Founded in 1978, the OMA is a nonprofit organization that provides resources and services to over 250 museums, cultural institutions, and associated professionals throughout Oregon. Their mission is to empower Oregon's museum to thrive. OMA provides resources, networking events, advocacy, and a community for all of Oregon's museums. Being part of this board of directors will benefit the Heritage Museum in many

ways, from exposure to being seen as a leading institution in the state.

"The Oregon Museum Association is a wonderful organization that provides resources to those in the museum community," said Adams. "I am honored and delighted to be appointed to the board of directors

Share Your Organization's Business Needs

A new year means new goals. The Mid-Willamette Valley Economic Development District, in partnership with the University of Oregon, is compiling survey results to ensure our region's economic development goals are being heard at the federal level.

Take the survey by clicking the button below and share your business or organization's economic goals for the coming years.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) contributes to effective economic development in America's communities and regions through a locally-based, regionally-driven economic development planning process.

[Take Survey Here](#)

Attend the Polk County Community Connect Event



This year's Polk County Community Connect Event will be happening on Monday, January 23, 2023, from 10 AM - 6 PM at Dallas Evangelical Bible Church. This free on-site service gathering that will include haircuts, pet care, family fun activities, health screenings, social services, employment and education assistance, and more.

If you wish to provide a service, volunteer or donate goods, email Amber Kramer at kramer.amber@co.polk.or.us.

For more information, click the button below.

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Artful Indy Poster Contest

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Contest opens **Jan 1, 2023**
and closes on **Jan 27, 2023**

Artful Indy's 2023 Independence Days Commemorative Poster Contest is officially OPEN!

Open to Independence & Monmouth Community Members (High School Age and Older)

Submissions are due by midnight on January 27, 2023.

Click the button below for contest details and to submit your design!

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